

Advisory Circular

CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE LICENCE

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GENERAL

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PURPOSE

This AC provides information to the holder of a foreign aircraft maintenance licence (AML) holder on the requirements to be satisfied for CAAS to consider a conversion of the foreign AML to a Singapore Airworthiness Requirements Part 66 (SAR-66) AML and the application process for AML conversion.

APPLICABILITY

This AC is applicable to an applicant seeking the conversion of his/her AML issued by a foreign civil aviation authority to a SAR-66 AML.

RELATED REGULATIONS

Singapore Airworthiness Requirements (SAR) Part 66, SAR-66.10.

RELATED ADVISORY CIRCULARS

AC 66-12 Acceptance of Type Training for Type Rating Endorsement on an Aircraft Maintenance Licence.

CANCELLATION

This AC supersedes AC 66-10(3). This revision clarifies the requirements for the conversion of foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This AC is effective from 1st January 2024

OTHER REFERENCES

Nil

1 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AML

1.1 A holder of a foreign AML who intends to apply to CAAS for conversion of the foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML must:

- (a) hold a valid AML issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State;
- (b) demonstrate the need to hold a SAR-66 AML;

Note: Such demonstration may be by a letter from a SAR-145 Aircraft Maintenance Organisation (AMO) or air operator approved by CAAS to carry out aircraft maintenance, indicating prospective employment as an aircraft maintenance certifying staff.

- (c) have successfully completed aircraft type rating training conducted by:
 - (i) the respective OEMs;
 - (ii) SAR-147 Maintenance Training Organisations;
 - (iii) training organisations approved by the licensing authorities of foreign States that have a Technical Arrangement – Aircraft Maintenance (TA-M) with CAAS; or
 - (iv) other training providers as may be considered and accepted on a case-by-case basis;
- (d) pass the applicable CAAS examinations mentioned in Section 2;
- (e) have at least three years of experience in exercising the privileges equivalent to those of the relevant SAR-66 licence category/subcategory being applied for; and
- (f) have been assessed by the hiring organisation to be:
 - (i) able to read, write and communicate clearly in the English language to fully understand the technical documents and procedures to safely exercise the privileges of the SAR-66 AML; and
 - (ii) technically competent in:
 - (1) basic aircraft maintenance practical skills in an actual working environment; and
 - (2) troubleshooting skills based on scenario-based situations on the aircraft type applied for.

2 EXAMINATIONS

Foreign AMLs issued by States with Technical Arrangement or Working Arrangement in Aircraft Maintenance (TA-M)¹ with CAAS

2.1 An applicant holding an AML issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State that

¹ As of December 2023, the licensing authorities of a foreign State having TA-M with CAAS are CASA, CAAC, CAANZ, HKCAD, Member States of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), UK CAA, FAA, TCCA and JCAB.

has signed a technical arrangement or working arrangement on aircraft maintenance with CAAS is required to pass the SAR-66 AML basic examination Module 10 (Aviation Legislation) and a Category Technical Competency (CTC) paper relevant to the SAR-66 licence category/subcategory sought. Details of the CTC examination papers are provided in Table 1.

| CTC Paper for each SAR-66 Category | SAR-66 modules² to be tested | No. of questions | Time allotment (hr:min) |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CTC- CAT A1 | M3, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17 | 68 | 1:25 |
| CTC- CAT B1.1 | M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17 | 92 | 1:55 |
| CTC-CAT B1.2 | M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11B, M16, M17 | 92 | 1:55 |
| CTC-CAT B1.3 | M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M12, M15 | 92 | 1:55 |
| CTC-CAT B2 | M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M13, M14 | 92 | 1:55 |

Table 1: CTC Examination Paper for each SAR-66 Licence Category/Subcategory

- 2.2 An applicant who intends to apply for conversion of foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML with licence category/subcategory that are not in Table 1 may be required to pass examinations that CAAS may specify on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.3 The applicant is only allowed a maximum of 3 attempts to pass a CTC paper. If the applicant does not pass the CTC paper after the 3 attempts, he or she will be required to pass the multiple-choice question (MCQ) examinations of all the modules listed in SAR-66 Appendix 1 that are relevant to the category/subcategory of licence under application.

Foreign AMLs issued by States that do not have a Technical Arrangement in Aircraft Maintenance or Working Arrangement (TA-M) with CAAS

- 2.4 An applicant with an AML licence issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State that does not have a TA-M with CAAS, may also be considered for a licence conversion if he or she passes the multiple-choice question (MCQ) papers of all the modules listed in SAR-66 Appendix 1 that are relevant to the category/subcategory of licence under application.

Examinations

- 2.5 An applicant may register and book the required SAR-66 and CTC examinations online³.
- 2.6 An applicant who fail a SAR-66 paper (which also includes Module 10) or a CTC paper in two consecutive attempts will be ineligible to sit for the same paper for a period of 3 months from the date of the last attempt, unless the period between the two attempts is more than 3 months. The passing mark for every SAR-66 paper and CTC paper is 75%.

² The SAR-66 modules can be found in the SAR-66 Appendix 1.

³ Refer to <https://www.caas.gov.sg>

3 APPLICATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AML

- 3.1 An applicant who fulfils the requirements mentioned in Section 1 may submit an application online³.